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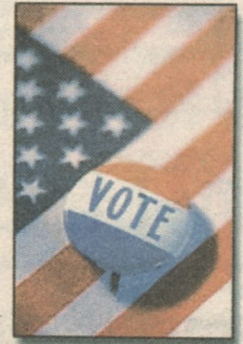


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THE PANTHER

"Something inside so strong..."

THE OFFICIAL STUDENT NEWSPAPER OF PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY



Election results are in, page 16

High achievers feted at banquet Annual fall career fair set for Sept. 21-22



Photo by Marques Allen

Recognition for a job well done: Students, staff, and invited guests enjoy dinner in honor of Panthers who had summer internships.

By Kenyetta Allen
Panther Staff

Prairie View A&M University students who had internships last summer were honored at the I.C. Gordon Recognition/Scholarship Banquet held Monday in the MSC Ballroom.

Student Government Association President Oludayo Olusanya was the master of ceremonies while the Rev. Charles Lewter delivered the invocation and Lee Turner provided the entertainment. Laurence Stuart, CEO and founder of College to Career Seminars, was the keynote speaker.

The event was organized by the staff of the Career and Outreach Services department. This office strives to ensure that Prairie View students who are juniors, and seniors will leave here with full time jobs after graduation.

tion. "We want students to understand that this is a golden opportunity for them. We have brought over 25 different companies here to allow them to network and get their names and faces across," said Herbert Thomas, placement coordinator.

Companies that were in attendance included Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Exxon-Mobil Corporation, and Duke Energy, to name a few. Approximately 300 students obtained internships last summer and many of them gained extremely rewarding practical experience.

Sophomore architecture major Jermonte Henderson said, "PV produces the product but if we don't ask for it then we have failed as students." Exxon-Mobil donated \$10,000 to Career Services as a token of appreciation. The banquet ended with internship and co-op reflections by

Franchelle Craft, senior civil engineering major, and Quincy Arnold, junior management major.

On Wednesday and Thursday Career Services will host the 35th Annual Fall Career Fair. All activities will be held in the MSC on the 2nd floor in the ballroom from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. More than 125 companies will be available to talk with and interview students.

Thomas encouraged all students to come and take advantage of this opportunity and said, "I advise students to take their careers seriously and start planning today for tomorrow." Senior chemical engineering major Terry LaFleur said, "The world is truly ours for the taking as long as we reach for our stars."

The office of Career Services is located in Evans Hall in room 217 and its office hours are 8-5 p.m.

Campus marks Constitution Day



Photo by Gitonga M'Mbijewe

We the people: Senior business major Julian Cleare sings at the Constitution Day program last Friday. Seated are SGA vice-president Courtney Smith, Mayor Frank Jackson, President George Wright, and Provost E. Johanne Thomas-Smith.

MAPS hosts 4th Annual Health Conference

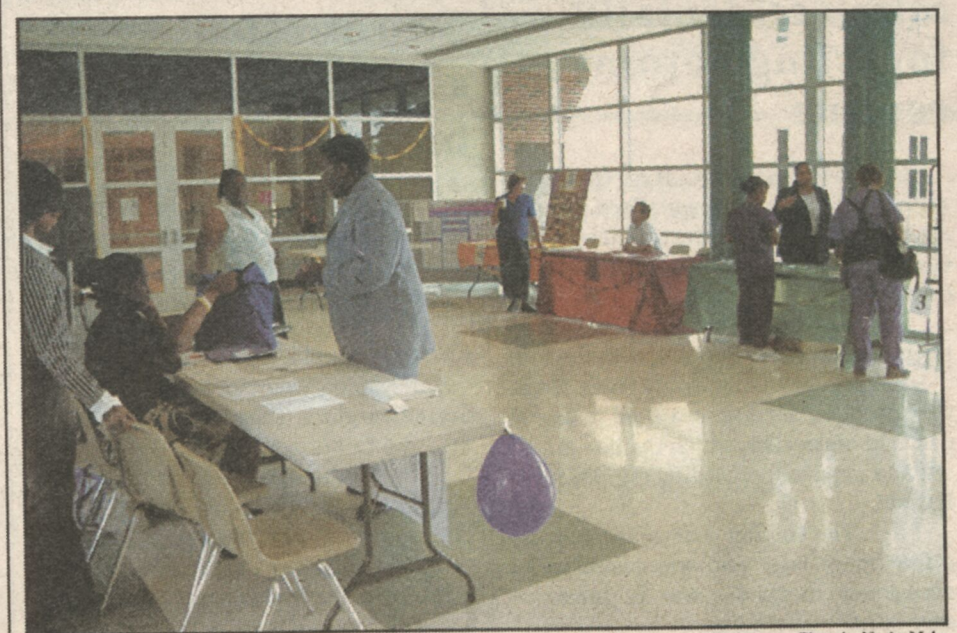


Photo by Nneka Meka

Aspiring health professionals: A total of 23 schools of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and optometry set up recruitment tables and hosted sessions for interested students on Tuesday, Sept. 20, in the New Science Building.

In the news...

Janesville cops warn about shortchange artist

JANESVILLE, Wis. (AP) — Janesville police are warning about a shortchange artist after a fast-talking man in his early 20s hit a local business, after which the cashier noticed the till was \$50 short.

The man, who was described as having dark hair, bought a pack of gum Friday afternoon with a \$100 bill and kept asking for change while he then threw a pack of cigarettes into the order.

The cashier, one of the store's better ones, was apparently befuddled.

"Shortchange artists depend on the speed of the transaction and their ability to distract the person," said Sgt. Stephen Dewitt. "They often prey on younger, inexperienced clerks."

The suspect was accompanied by a man who is described as being in his 40s, with dark hair and a mustache.

"When you get into that situation, shut your cash register and call another employee or a manager," Dewitt said.

Police say clerks should try not to let fast talk or impatience fluster them, because that is what shortchange artists rely on. Police also say clerks shouldn't accept money for another purchase while counting change.

Toddler unconscious after accidentally ingesting heroin, cocaine

JAMESTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — A 4-year-old boy was hospitalized Sunday after he ingested a mixture of heroin and cocaine that he pulled out of a man's pocket.

Raymond Medina, 25, of Jamestown, was grocery shopping with the toddler, who kept taking candy from Medina's pockets. Medina also had a bag of drugs in his pocket, which the boy pulled out and ingested, according to the WGRZ in Buffalo.

The toddler lost consciousness a few hours later and was taken to an emergency room. He was in intensive care Sunday afternoon.

Further investigation revealed that Medina had \$14,000 of heroin and crack cocaine in a bathroom drawer that was easily accessible to children.

Medina was arrested and is being held without bail. He faces charges of reckless endangerment and criminal possession of a controlled substance.

Terri Schiavo's husband to write book about feeding-tube battle

PUNTA GORDA, Florida (AP) — The husband of Terri Schiavo, a brain-dead woman who died after her feeding tube was removed, is co-writing a book with author Michael Hirsh to tell his side of the end-of-life case that divided much of the country.

Michael Schiavo's wife suffered a brain injury in 1990 that left her in what some doctors called a "persistent vegetative state." She died March 31 after a bitter court battle between her husband and her parents.

Hirsh expects the 280-page book, "Terri: the Truth," to be available just before the first anniversary of Terri's death. Dutton Publishing publicity manager Jean Anne Rose confirmed that the company is publishing the book in March.

Michael Schiavo's decision to remove a feeding tube that kept his brain-damaged wife alive alienated him from her parents, drew a Congressional intervention and even prompted criticism from President George W. Bush.

Hirsh, 62, is a Vietnam veteran and a former Los Angeles television producer who has written three books about the military.

Two arrested after man interrupts break-in

AMANA, Iowa (AP) — Two men were arrested early Sunday after a resident interrupted a burglary inside a home, sheriff's officials said.

Curtis James Maxwell, 40, and Richard Campbell Bradley, 46, both of Cedar Rapids, were charged with first-degree burglary. They were being held in the Iowa County jail.

Authorities received a call of a burglary in progress just before 8 a.m. The two men left the scene but were caught by deputies a short time later, officials with the Iowa County sheriff's office said.

The men had property from the home when they were arrested, officials said.

Maxwell and Bradley also were charged with third-degree theft and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bradley also was charged with various traffic offenses.

Mississippi border town seemingly forgotten in Katrina recovery

By Vicki Smith
Associated Press

PEARLINGTON, Miss. (AP) — It's been 21 days since Katrina annihilated this tiny rural hamlet on the Louisiana border, but it might as well have been yesterday.

Homes are heaps of debris, shoved far from their foundations. Trees, nail-studded boards and utility lines still litter the roads. The mud has long since turned to dust, but it's deep and ready to revert to its former state with the first good rain.

And people — maybe 600 of the town's 1,700 souls — are still living in tents and under tarps.

Folks here say Pearlington is an old and generally overlooked town, a place where blacks live in one section and whites in another. It's a place without a mayor or a town government — in other words, without an advocate.

"This little town, we've always been the stepkids among the communities in Hancock County," says Tracy Bennett, 34, who's living in a sort of tent city with her immediate and extended family.

A generator allows her to get water from the well, but her 20-month-old son Tyler ambles around barefoot in the dirt, his fair skin hot and red despite constant slathering of sunscreen and three cold baths a day.

"Nobody knows we're here. Nobody knows we exist," Bennett says. "But we're used to it."

For more than a week, Pearlington survived largely on its own.

Then, 10 days after the storm, Jeff McVay and five other members of an emergency response team from Walton County, Fla. arrived.

McVay, who's been through many hurricanes, was stunned by what he found — a town that had nothing but a place to get water, ice and military-issued meals. There was no Red Cross. There was no shelter. He called home and asked for six more men.

McVay took charge, and four workers from the Federal Emergency Management Agency power-washed rooms in the Charles B. Murphy Elementary School to create a shelter. But the Red Cross rejected it, concerned about electrical outlets that had been below the water line. The second time, McVay says, it was lack of a dehumidifier that kept the shelter from opening.

"I asked the Red Cross three things: Do you want a shelter? Who's in charge? ... Is it more important to you to have a dehumidifier inside a building with concrete walls and security and portalets than for people to sleep under tents, under tarps and in vehicles?"

Dissatisfied with the response, McVay says he escorted the Red Cross to the gate.

"They've got their rules, and they can't deviate from them, but it's life over limb," McVay says.

McVay asked another group — City Team of San Jose, Calif. — to set up the shelter, and work began two hours later. It opened Friday night, Day 17 after Katrina.

"Our favorite saying here is if you can't ask for it and get it, you backdoor it," McVay says. "We've backdoored everything we have here. Sometimes, rules are made to be broken, and I don't mind breaking them in the best interest of the public."

A Red Cross volunteer who "spoke out of their area of expertise and experience" caused the problems that delayed opening the shelter, said Mary Ferguson, a regional Red Cross spokeswoman. The worker has been relieved and the Red Cross is now providing supplies to the facility.

While widely praised, the Red Cross also has been criticized by Katrina survivors along Mississippi's Gulf Coast for delays in distributing financial assistance and trouble getting through on the agency's toll-free number.

"We receive over 25,000 phone calls an hour requesting financial assistance, and we are asking people to be patient just because of the sheer volumes of people calling," said Shari Crandall, a spokeswoman at Red Cross headquarters in Washington.

The shelter can house at least 100 people, but McVay doesn't expect a rush until the rain comes. Too many people are afraid to leave what's left of their belongings.

That includes Earl Bennett, cousin of Tracy, who is living in a borrowed RV parked near his green, tin-roofed home. A wall of filthy water shoved the house 20 feet from where it once stood, its guts now jumbled, soaked and broken. He's picked some of his marble collection from the mud, but nearly everything else is gone.

Bennett, his wife and four children saw a sheriff's deputy shortly after the storm. They weren't offered help, but Bennett says he understands.

"Everybody was just kind of dumb-struck by the damage," he says.

Then the National Guard came and started clearing the roads.

He's seen the Red Cross pass by, but their distribution center is miles from here, in Bay St. Louis.

"Help is around, but you've got to go to it," he says. "You've got to really reach for it."

So day after day, Bennett waits for an insurance agent to show up, stewing over the idea that the U.S. government responded faster to tsunami victims in Indonesia than to rural Mississippians.

He's also angry that so much attention is focused on displaced victims of the New Orleans floods when the people of Pearlington and nearby Waveland live in squalid, third-world conditions.

"There's people in the Astrodome getting money, and their houses are still standing," Bennett says. "People here, they don't have no homes to go to."



Photo by Latisha Johnson-Wallace

New construction: Campus continues to expand.

Administrators discuss plans

By Shara Boykins
Panther Staff

During the past three years we have seen Prairie View undergo changes. From the tearing down and construction of Alumni Hall to the limitation of student parking. We have also seen student enrollment and financial aid undergo some changes.

Now that we are in 2005, we hope that this year brings a new beginning for Prairie View.

Student parking has become a concern for commuting students and visitors alike.

Fred Washington, vice president of finance and Administration, said "Students are to park in their designated parking area during the hours of 7 am to 7 pm, and can park on any open lot during the other hours on the weekend, unless there is a scheduled event."

"And for commuters they can park in any of the open lots 24 hours a day seven days a week," said Washington. There are plans to add more parking space at the MSC. Washington stated, "Nothing has changed with the parking at MSC. It is for commuters and visitors which allow parking at its scheduled time. There are two parking lots currently under construction in the area of the MSC, we also have one additional faculty and staff parking lot, and the other is a commuter and visitor lot that is across from the Athletics Complex."

Many students do not deal with the office of admissions as much as the Financial Aid office, compared

to financial aid, but Admission unlike financial aid is expanding as well.

Dr. George Wright, president of Prairie View A&M University, is making changes to increase admissions at Prairie View. "I want to do a better job of advertising and recruiting. I also want to physically go to the high schools, community colleges and college fairs in and out of Texas to recruit students to come to Prairie View. We want our students to be successful and do not want to close the door to any who wants to come," Wright said.

Wright also wants to have more scholarships available to students too.

Wright has bigger plans for Prairie View's future. "This year I am committed to reach a goal of \$30 million for the capital campaign to raise money for scholarships, professorships, rebuilding historical buildings (Alumni), school programs, and athletics," Wright added.

Another plan is to establish an African American studies program and a honors program here at the university.

Financial Aid is the biggest concern of students on and off campus. The president is aware of the students concerns and said "I am making changes in and how we process the financial aid packaging; I am diligently working with others to make financial aid better organized, in how we deal with the students, and by next fall the situation should be worked out."

To all of the students Dr Wright said, "look at the goal and do not let a problem defer you from your goal, work hard and do not quit."

Access and convenience at PV

Students seek improvements on campus, and better use of resources



Photo by Latisha Johnson-Wallace

this campus has been blessed and come a long way from what it was."

Overall, it's been documented through various surveys and stories that the changes that were made to better accommodate students needed to be made.

Consequently, the argument of what we still need and what we have now can subjectively be bounced around from student to staff member depending on who you're talking to and how long they have been here.

For a lot of the older students, graduate students, and alumni of PV who can remember, one of the major problems "back in the day" was standing in that small room, second floor of Evans Hall waiting side by side just to see who your financial counselor was. Where as today you can simply log on and accept your award letter and review other requested documents needed from the university.

It seems almost comical to hear the newest students to the Panther family complain about how their biggest problems are trouble starting up their wireless web from their rooms.

In any event it's easy to see that there are still a lot of assets needed that could benefit and satisfy the needs of hundreds of students. Yet, knowing that the campus has done nothing more than blossom since the day it was established reminds students that they should never stop making home on the hill comfortable and modern as possible.

Show me the money: ATM machine downstairs in the MSC.

By LaCheryl Whitlow
Panther Staff

While the addition of two new ATMs, shuttle bus services, and laptop check outs in the library appear to be the massive improvements there is still a lot of room for improvements on campus.

Keeping with that in mind, the issue of access and convenience plays a dynamic part in maintaining the idealism of what college life should be.

For instance, 23 year old alumna Milton Cole stated that, "there is not enough computers provided for students during "crunch time" or finals. The situation is even worse for freshmen who only have a limited amount of time during the

day to use their computer facility within University College." Cole said that there is a huge problem with parking. "Who says bigger is better when it comes to a university that's constantly growing but can't provide adequate parking for staff, faculty, and or students?"

Although many students like Cole may share similar perspectives on what could be done to better the standards at Prairie View A&M University, other students like 19-year-old sophomore Rondrea Taylor, are absolutely elated and equally satisfied about the rapid changes and improvements being made on the hill.

She stated, "From what I learned in regards to the history of Prairie View compared to what the university is today, I think

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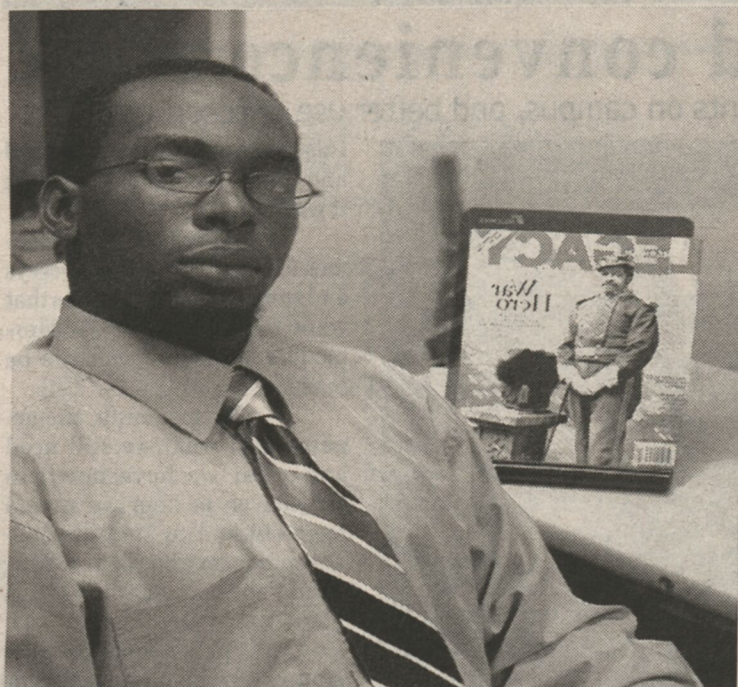
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A chat with Olu



2005-2006 SGA President: Olusanya Oludayo

By Jemeka Merriweather
Panther Staff

The Panther: Where are you from originally?

Olu: I am from Lagos, Nigeria.

The Panther: What is your major and classification?

Olu: I am a junior iology major, chemistry minor.

The Panther: Why did you run for SGA president?

Olu: I wanted to practice citizenship. I wanted to give back to Prairie View and serve the students.

The Panther: What did you want to gain out of the position?

Olu: I wanted to gain the experience of leadership and the satisfaction of service.

The Panther: What have you gained from this experience?

Olu: I have gained the knowledge and experience of the inner-workings of Prairie View; things that most students do not get to see. I have also gained leadership experience.

The Panther: How has being president changed you? If any?

Olu: As president, I have learned that I have to use discernment and be understanding, patient. Instead of being a participator, I have to be an initiator. I am getting involved and uplifting mankind. I have become a better person, a better leader.

The Panther: What do you think of the current student/administration relationship?

Olu: As far as the students and the university, I think there is more interaction; the relationship is improving. As far as the

students and faculty, I think the relationship needs to be improved.

The Panther: What does SGA mean to you?

Olu: SGA is a collective body of students whose purpose is to speak on behalf of the students. While the university's intention is to serve the students, sometimes there is a difference of opinion between the students and the university. SGA's job is to speak on behalf of the students. SGA acts as an umpire or an advocate for the students.

The Panther: What does being president mean?

Olu: I have an opportunity to speak on behalf of the students, to serve the students, whatever needs or policies that the students need; it is my job to implement them. I am an advocate for the students, I speak for the students, and I represent the students' needs.

The Panther: What are some of your goals as president this year?

Olu: While I cannot disclose some of the projects I am working on, my ultimate goal is to leave SGA and the university better for the students than what it was when I came into office.

The Panther: Would you like to leave a message to the student body concerning you as president and as spokesman for SGA?

Olu: I want to let them know that my administration and I are working very diligently on their behalf. I urge students not to become complacent and to express their views, opinions, and needs to SGA, the university, or whomever.

Fees have been paid, but where's the rest of my money?

Many students wonder how they can make ends meet

By Katriska Cotton
Panther Staff

It has been four weeks of school already and still no financial aid, loans, or overpayment checks have been distributed to most students here on campus.

Many students applied for financial aid and loans back in January 2004 for the upcoming fall 2005 semester and they still have not received any money.

This semester has started off badly for many students. They are getting dropped from classes, being evicted from their apartments, and have no money to buy any books at all.

The financial aid office has been packed with students' everyday since the first

day of school, phones ringing off the hook, and nothing has been accomplished yet.

How does this affect the campus and how are the students responding to this matter? Many had much to say. "I feel frustrated, emotional, and very confused. I need my overpayment check because late fees are steadily rising and I have no money to pay for it out of pocket, according to sophomore Olivia Gray. "It doesn't make any sense for the entire staff to have all last semester and the summer to process papers, it's the middle of September and still no money," said Gray.

Many students are struggling to pay for fees and prices are rising day by day. Senior Lunita Anderson said, "I need my overpayment check, I have no

gas, my rent is due, and my lights are out too! A lot of people are very upset here on campus."

"People are being dropped from classes, evicted from their apartments, and there is so much uncertainty in the air on campus. I have a friend who was looking forward to her overpayment check because she has to pay rent off campus, but it hasn't come in yet, now she's evicted from her apartment. The financial aid situation is very serious and this amount of time that it is taking, is very ridiculous," said junior Candice Bogan.

What to do? What to say? Where to go from here? Many students have no clue and they are hoping that their overpayment checks will be distributed shortly.

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Welcoming all visitors Here's your ticket, pay up!



By **Latisha Johnson-Wallace**
News Editor

treats our visitors?

First question would be: If all spots were occupied in the MSC, the only building she would be utilizing for that day, where else was she supposed to park.

Let us be remained of the unfinished "dirt" lot that serves as no purpose for this fall semester. Was she, a visitor, really expected to park clear across campus, and walk the campus, just because we are a "walking campus?"

Well clearly, we are no longer a "walking campus" because we now have a shuttle bus, which voids "walking on campus."

Second, a \$100 fine for a visitor when there is not enough parking, and no instructions as what to do in the situation was unfair. Would not a warning suffice in this situation?

We want to show hospitality, right? Make visitors feel at home? Attend to their needs but instead we ticket them for wanting to visit our beautiful campus, for actually doing the right thing and going through the procedure to even get a decal, which most don't know about.

I know rules are made to be followed. However, there are exceptions to every rule, and here our visitor should not have been ticketed, especially when the problem lies in the university's hands.

Let's do a little better to treat our visitors as we would want them to be treated, so that they will want to visit our campus in the future, and so that they will continue to support us.

Do not fine them, and make them not want to return. Come on, as John Stossel, from 20/20 would say, give 'em a break.

When visitors come to your home, how do you treat them? With respect, with dignity and giving all the attention they deserve, for the simple fact that they are visitors in your home.

Last week, a visitor to Prairie View's campus, our home away from home, was disrespected, ignored and treated unfairly.

Campus policy now requires all visitors to check in with the information office, at the entrance of campus to obtain a \$2 parking decal. After purchasing this decal, visitors are expected and encouraged to park in visitor parking.

On this occasion the visitor in question was left with no place to park at building, she would be occupying for the hour.

So since she was unaware, or unsure of where else to park on campus, she parked at the end of the designated parking spots and made her own parking.

She returned to her vehicle to find, to her surprise, a ticket on her windshield.

Upon returning to the information center, she was welcomed to the fact that she could expect a ticket of \$100 to be in the mail in a few weeks. The question is this how we



The artists within: Students' art work displayed at the architecture building last Friday.

Photos by Otis Clayborne II

Investment club is open to all

Press Release

If you want to learn how to build wealth while in college, join the investment club. The purpose of the Investment club is to assist and educate inexperienced investors by teaching them the how

to invest money wisely and familiarizing them with the different types of investments.

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Members of the In-

vestment Club will develop an understanding of saving and investing as well as managing their personal finances more effectively. The Investment Club is open to all majors, faculty, and alumni at the university. Meetings will be held every other Thursday at 5 p.m. in Hobart Taylor Room 2B220.



FALL 2005 MIP FORUMS

The Department of Student Activities & Leadership will offer MIP Forum Sessions in the Memorial Student Center Auditorium

Friday, September 23, 2005 4:30 PM

Monday, September 26, 2005 6:00 PM

Monday, October 3, 2005 6:00 PM

Wednesday, October 12, 2005 6:30 PM

NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS

The Membership Intake Program (MIP) Forum Registration will be online. Simply access the form through the Student Activities & Leadership website under "Forms" and complete the form online. Print the typed document and bring the MIP registration form to the MIP Forum. Forms will be available online ONLY and it MUST BE TYPED. To enter the auditorium, you must present your PVAMU ID and MIP Registration Form.

NOTE: Students must use PVAMU email address. The MIP Registration Form will be considered "incomplete" if the required email address is not provided.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR MIP:

§ Having earned 30 credit hours at the University. Transfer students must have earned

12 credit hours of the 30 credit hours required from Prairie View A&M University. (Currently, enrolled student)

§ Have a 2.700 cumulative GPA

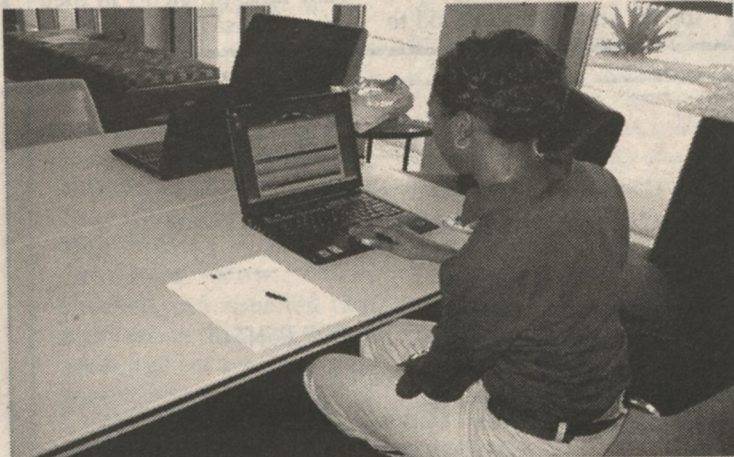
§ A full-time student

§ Be in good standing with the University

§ Complete one (1) MIP Forum during the semester of MIP participation

Prospective members and chapter members must complete one (1) MIP Forum prior to the initiation of the respective organization's MIP process.

Failure of the requested individuals to attend the minimum one (1) MIP Forum will forfeit his/her opportunity to participate in the university's fall 2005 Membership Intake Program.



Rock the vote: A student takes the opportunity to vote for her class favorites.

Nigerian Anglicans take stand against homosexuality, same-sex unions

By Eunice Or
Associated Press

The Church of Nigeria redefined its relationship with the Anglican Communion on Thursday, as a result of the ongoing unresolved debate over homosexuality and same-sex blessings with its liberal counterparts in the Communion.

"With a careful rewording of her constitution, the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) redefined her relationship with all other Anglican Churches," declared a statement released from the offices of the Archbishop on Thursday.

The decision was made on the last day of the General Synod of the Church of Nigeria, running Sept. 10-14, which was led by Archbishop of Nigeria Peter Akinola in the Onitsha Diocese.

According to the released statement, all former references to "communion with the see of Canterbury" were deleted from the Constitution. As a result, the official name 'the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)' will be changed to "The Church of Nigeria."

"This Church," according to the statement, "shall be in full communion with all Anglican Churches Dioceses and Provinces that hold and maintain the His-

toric Faith, Doctrine, Sacrament and Discipline of the one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church as the Lord has commanded in His holy word."

Acknowledgment to the 1662 version of the Book of Common Prayer and the historic Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion was also emphasized.

In addition, a new section was added to the Constitution, as stated by the announcement, "to create convocations, chaplaincies of like-minded faithful outside Nigeria and to appoint persons within or outside Nigeria to administer them and the Primate shall give Episcopal Oversight."

According to the statement, this may give "legal teeth to the Convocation of Anglican Nigerians in Americas (CANA) formed to give a worshipping refuge to thousands in the USA who no longer feel welcomed to worship in the liberal churches especially with the recent theological innovations encouraging practices which the Nigerians recognize as sin."

Archbishop Akinola is one of the most outspoken conservative figures. While defending the traditional biblical view of sexuality and marriage, Akinola sternly condemns the consecration of homosexual clergy and the practice of same-sex blessings in many Western Anglican

churches.

As the Chairman of the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa, Akinola has been leading many like-minded Anglicans from Global South to urge liberal Anglicans to repent. They have also signaled their intent of "walking away" from the Anglican Communion.

The conservative voice of Africans has been very influential as Africa has a large Anglican population. Out of the Anglican Church's 70 million followers worldwide, 26 million are in Africa, and 17.5 million alone from Nigeria.

A report on the U.K.-based Scotsman newspaper last Sunday claimed that Akinola intends to set up a rival church that no longer recognized Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams as its spiritual leader, at a meeting of traditionalist Anglicans - mostly from Africa and Latin America - to be held in Alexandria, Egypt next month.

Akinola denied the speculation on Wednesday, saying that "the encounter is not a business meeting concerned with power, politics and other such mundane things," according to Reuters.

In addition, the Scotsman noted that Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams has also been invited to the meeting.

Utilizing the complaint alternative, thankfulness

By Fredrick Crawford
Panther Staff

"Hey Fred, how you doing? I'm good, can't complain as usual." Webster defines complaining as a way to express grief, pain, or discontent. How many of us complain about circumstances in our lives that we have no control over? Rather than being thankful for what God has blessed us with, we gripe about what we do not have.

People complain about material possessions such as clothes, shoes, cars, etc. Some even go as far as becoming angry or begin whining about their shoes being scuffed or stepped on. I wonder if people actually realize how blessed they are to have shoes to be scuffed. There are many individuals around the world, even this country, who are not capable of affording to buy even half of a pair of shoes.

There are even those who complain when their car breaks down. They act as if they are too good to walk because they rely on something materialistic to get them by day in and day out. They should be relying on God, and thanking God that they have legs to walk on. For that matter, people should thank Him for cars to break down. Think about those who are less fortunate than you. Think of people who have lost limbs to cancer or babies born without them. God has brought you too far and been too good to

us for us to complain about material things.

It's just baffling how people can't be thankful and grateful for the little things they have in life. How many wake up in the morning thanking God for another day not promised? How many thank Him for being able to have the opportunity to go to college? What about the clothes on our backs, the food on our tables, or the opportunity to be whatever you choose to be? Just look at those around the world, especially the children who have to struggle just to get clean water or just a bite to eat for a day. No child born in this world deserves that, but God has blessed so many of us not to feel that pain or been in that situation. But yet we allow what we do not have to be the basis of our complaining.

There will be storms in our lives, but God tells us "...all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28) He also tells us "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

I challenge all to look at their lives realistically to see if they honestly have anything to complain about. I even challenge all to read about a man named Job, in the book of Job, in the Bible. And here is some food for thought. People do not complain because they have problems in their lives. They have problems in their lives because they complain.



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A church divided: Anglican Archbishops, Gregory Venables (left) and Peter Akinola (right), openly discuss disdain with U.S. Episcopal Church's views on issues of homosexuality.

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Letter to the Editor

Student wants problems with financial aid to be address

Award letters, lines, bad attitudes, sound familiar? Well, after months of busy tones, non returned calls or e-mails, and bad attitudes, many of us are finally getting to settle into a normal life here on campus after a horrible chaotic semester start due to issues with financial aid.

Now I must say this is not meant to offend anyone, nor is it made to make anyone feel bad, it is simply to address problems and concerns. However, I must first say the biggest THANKS in the world to Ms. Rowland, and Ms. Pope for pushing me thru and getting me awarded, it may not have been in such a timely fashion, but hey it got done, (Now please do the same for a brotha's Parent Plus Loan).

As I stood in the lines listened to other students talk, I took more and more of the blame off of the Office of Financial Aid, and put more of the blame on students for not simply handling their own business. However I had to ask: Do students have that mentality because they feel

when they complete everything on time, it's still going to get lost, or just be thrown away?

You may call me too advanced for PVAMU standards, but I could care less. Whatever happened to the 21st century, and not having to depend so much on paper work? Why can freshmen and first time borrowers not do things such as pre-loan counseling online? Why must we continue to fill out all of these documents? Does that not create unnecessary stress, and a horrible fire hazard on campus?

I just don't understand what is so hard about following a priority deadline for the fall and the spring, and telling students if they fail to meet it, they need not even worry about receiving aid? Other institutions of higher education have those same guidelines, but unlike PVAMU they actually start awarding their students who are not on any type of probation in the spring of the previous year based on credits earned. They normally revise the award during the first half of the summer and students have a worry free summer, at least as far as financial aid is

concerned.

Financial Aid is helpful to all of us who receive it, and here at PV it is an asset to most of the students here. However you must look at how many schools, mainly HBCUs have had problems, which have threatened the entire institution due to one department.

I beg the new director to have a meeting with students and parents, as well as the university administration so we can all come up with a solution to this horrible problem. We don't want to be the next Texas Southern University, or Clark Atlanta University, on national newscast with our university looking horrible in front of the nation because of one department.

Financial aid can lead to the rise of an institution by helping students who would otherwise not be able to afford a quality education, but it has also caused downfall of many institutions due to lack of organization and mismanagement.

Terrance Omar Gilbert

Why oh why?

Student unhappy with article on infidelity

I am a freshman, and I am proud to be here. Despite things said about this college, I came here anyway because I am proud of the black culture and wanted to see what this school had to offer in the Architecture Department. I did not come here to be hassled by financial aid (but that's off topic).

I was writing referring to the article "The Game of Infidelity: Men" written by Frederick Crawford. Wow...I was shocked and appalled that a guy wrote this. As a young adult, not yet a man, I know what it is to have a good girl. I know what to do with a good girl, and I know how to keep her. If every girl were

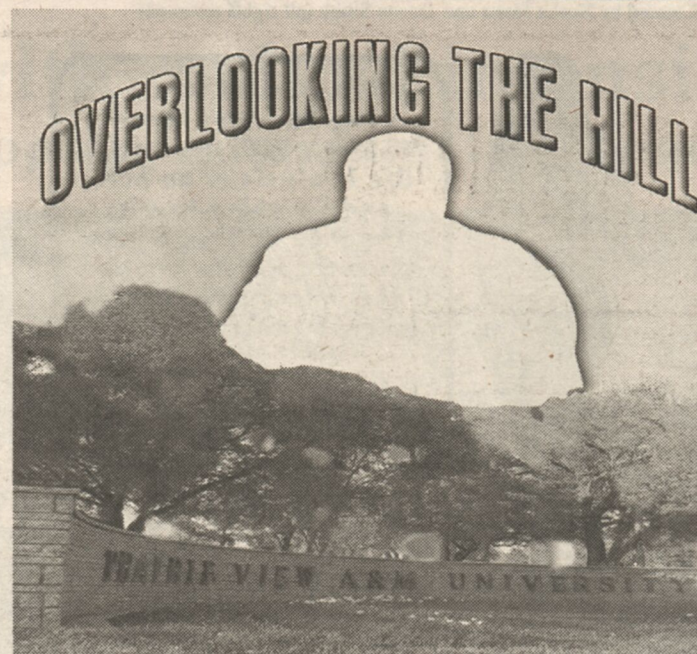
to read and believe this article, her mindset would most likely be, "What's taking so long for my man to cheat on me?"

This could lead a girl to cheat on her boyfriend because she has the slightest idea that he may be cheating on her. This ruins what could have been a great relationship. With bad relationship experiences, those experiences might lead a girl or guy to "go the other way." But digressing from that issue, this is why we can't have good relationships. Cheating. Yes, it is true that guys should not cheat on their women and vice versa for the women (another issue). One thing women need to realize is that they need to stop being so picky. They say, "Oh...as long as he's good to me and treats me

like a real woman and he's handsome and intelligent... and blasé' blah," when they really want something else.

I've not yet figured it out, but from conversations with some guys around the UC, freshman girls would rather be with an upperclassman. Therefore freshman males go in search for the upperclass as well. When the freshman ladies get hurt by the upperclassmen, they then rush to the freshman guys...which by that time are upperclassman as well, creating some kind of potentially avoidable cycle. But my point is we should all get out act together.

Shawn Dowdy



Preparing productive (but financially illiterate) people

By Dr. Jan R. Jasper
Faculty Contributor

How is it that we – faculty and administrators at PVAMU – are allowing our students to graduate without knowing what they need to build wealth when they leave here? I don't know many students who go to college so they can become poor, especially minority students. They come here to learn how to build wealth, and we are allowing them to leave without knowing how. Instead, we allow the dealers of plastic crack (credit cards) and cell-phone addiction to pounce upon our students when they first come to school, then we allow our students to fall knee-deep into debt traps while here, and finally we don't even teach them how to invest before they leave.

As Chris Rock said in his movie *Head of State*, "That ain't right!"

To faculty and staff, I ask: how on earth is it that we are allowing our young to go out into the battle of life unarmed and unprepared to deal with all the financial perils out there? Do we want them to be slaughtered, or don't we care enough to do better? How can we do this to our young?

To students, I ask: how on earth is it that you aren't insisting that this sorry state of affairs change? Why aren't you making more noise about this? Do you want to be poor? Do you want to be financially debt-ridden

and dependent throughout your lives? I hardly think so.

My simple but powerful vision is that all students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) will have the opportunity to learn how to master their personal finances before they graduate. Toward that end, we in the College of Business have initiated a personal financial planning course open to all majors, as well as a minor in personal financial planning for those students thinking about a career in the burgeoning financial services industry. We are also in the process of testing a stock market game used by 42 of the top 50 U.S. business schools so we can make it available, free of charge, to as many PV students as are interested.

We all need to train ourselves to become knowledgeable in personal finance, so we can change our lives and help our families, friends and communities to change their lives. We need good financial advice, good financial strategies, and good financial products. Just imagine how much better off the victims of Hurricane Katrina would be if they had basic financial products like renter's or term life insurance!

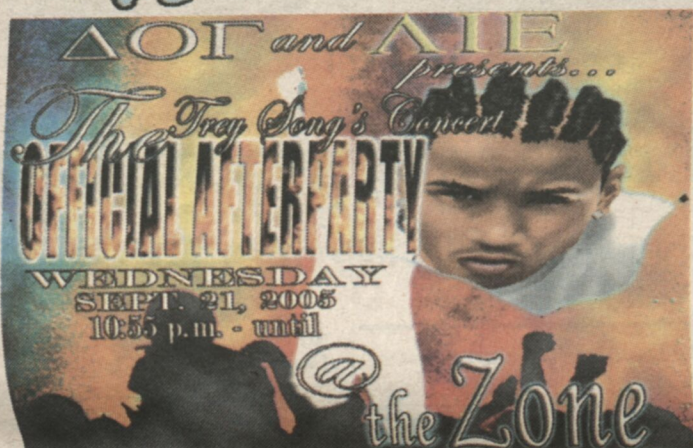
We at PVAMU can take the lead in this area on behalf of our students and community. The window of opportunity is wide open, if we are willing to take advantage of it.

The Hill Life...

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Waiting on my money to come in, I was forced to get a JOB. My social life is officially on hold, and I'm going to miss the free 99 Trey Songs concert. Not to mention the afterparty hosted by my man's frat and my girl's sorors... Wait a minute- Can I take your order?



THE LINE FOR THE AFTERPARTY



Oh my goodness, I can't wait to get home and tell Aurora the mess I'm seeing at this party. Hearts are going to be broken.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Aurora, what was so urgent on my only off day?

Girl, don't make this hard for me. We need to talk.



Letter to the Editor

To the women of PVAMU:

I will start with a list of things that compelled me to write this letter:

- The articles and poems by female students about giving their bodies and sex on the first date.

- The letter to the Editor from the Broken Hearted Senior about hurting and punishing herself.

- I saw a student wearing a t-shirt that said "Tell your boyfriend I said thank you."

- A n- other admin- istrator told me about a shirt that said, "If you're Rich; I'm Your B%\$#@!"

I am blown away by how little you value your bodies and your future. In less than a year, I have already learned that you are intelligent, witty and full of promise. Already I esteem you higher than you esteem yourselves. Every one of you has so much to offer the world. Your biological family not withstanding, your Prairie View mothers have overcome great obstacles to become successful. They set an example and left you a heritage. You are responsible to continue in that legacy and you can achieve anything you

desire. I want great things for you and I want you to want them for yourselves. To quote President Wright, "Call Me! or call someone who cares about your future."

It's not just a T-shirt. It's not just a fashion statement. It's never just sex! You are making choices about your value. Your language – out of your mouth or advertised across your chest says something about who you think

choice to focus on a goal or a dream. They lived by a set of values; they had integrity. Don't be afraid to be different. You are special. You should stand out from the crowd and not because you are naked, promiscuous or loud.

Enjoy these years! Find out who you are and what you love (not who!). Boys and babies can wait. Study something that makes you smile.

Plan for your future. Determine to live your dreams. Develop a reputation for excellence

"Develop a reputation for excellence based on your brain, not your body."

based on your brain, not your body.

You are precious and worthy of love and respect. Start by loving and respecting yourself and others will follow your lead. And when they don't – you'll know whose numbers to delete from your cell phone. You teach people how to treat you.

With genuine love and respect,
Tyra M. Metoyer
Director of University Relations

PURPLE & GOLD POLL

What are your expectations of newly elected student officials?



They must try to help make improvements in student activities and help to get the students more involved.

-Shonte Colbert
Junior
Social Work



To take the WHOLE student body and their concerns into consideration, and to hold the school responsible for its services.

-Preston Perry
Senior
Electrical Engineering



All I care for is that they make sure whoever is chosen knows what it means to hold the position and carries it out to the fullest. Not a popularity contest.

-Jonathan Lee-Davis
Senior
Mechanical Engineering



I expect them to do their job and I expect them to do it right.

-Leslie Beloney
Senior
Electrical Engineering

Kenyetta Allen

Head to head, UCFL returns with revived intensity

University College buildings compete in popular intramural tournament



Photo courtesy of Rashad Morgan

Face off: Rounding up Monday's tripleheader, the players of building 40 and 37 line up at the line of scrimmage. Building 40 ultimately won 8-0.

By Rashad Morgan
Sports Editor

University College has wasted no time in beginning the second installment of last year's first intramural football tournament. The University College Football League, which held its first games of the season a week ago, has once again began to set the bar for intramural sports on Prairie View's campus.

University College LCM Braxton Bennett who replaced Perry Holmes, has taken over the

duties of overseeing the UCFL's operations. "I just started where Mr. Holmes left off. He set very high goals for the tournament last year, and he achieved them, so no adjustments...if any, needed to be made."

Six teams were set to face off in a tripleheader, Monday, Sept. 19. By the end of the night over a hundred students were gathered along the sideline to watch the fierce competition.

The first game was played between the ladies of buildings 45 vs. 41. Building 45, which is the women's

favorite, and expected to win the tournament, was coached by Adrian Jones. The game started, seemingly with an even playing field, but 41 wasted no time in scoring the first touchdown, making the score 7-0.

Before the end of the half building 35 managed to score a touchdown but failed to convert on the extra point, paving the way for a second half comeback.

In the second half, 35 came back ready to play. They scored on another touchdown and converted on an extra two points, taking the lead 14-7.

35's defense began to let loose as they held building 41 to 7 points throughout the rest of the game.

Game two was home to the only men's game of the night, building 43 vs. 47. When the clock started, an eager 43 began to dominate the field behind the energized coaching of Tristan Hardeman, who was forced to watch the game from the stands in the second half.

The coaching of Sam Robinson was not enough as building 43 won, 43-12.

The finale was women's teams building 40 vs. 37. The

game got off to a slow start with a lot of penalties being called, but the action began to pick-up in the second half. Building 40 pulled away a few minutes before the end of the game and scored a touchdown, winning the game 8-0.

When asked how the games went and about the players' conduct, game official Derrick Lindsay stated, "There was a lot of emotion and spirit flying about on the field, the students showed great athleticism while balancing the medium of showing extraordinary sportsmanlike conduct."

Panther tennis members participate in invitational

By Andrew Roberts
Panther News Service

Prairie View A&M tennis team members Kundzai Chiridza, Nicholas Bateman, Xavier Godoy and David Herrera recently competed in the 2005 Crowne Plaza Invitational held at Rice University in Houston, Texas on September 9-11.

Chiridza and Bateman competed in singles competition while fellow teammates Godoy and Herrera competed together in doubles competition.

On the first day of competition Chiridza lost to Take Morita in three sets. After dropping the first set 6-0, Chiridza battled back to win the second set 7-5, forcing a third set. Morita took the third set 6-1 and subsequently captured

the victory.

Will Lefevre defeated the Panthers' Bateman in straight sets, 6-1, 6-3. Godoy and Herrera wound up losing to White and Tragardh of



Photo courtesy Rashad Morgan

Focused: Men's tennis team preparing to once again dominate the SWAC conference by taking on the best of competition.

Louisiana State, 8-3.

The second day of competition saw Prairie View's Chiridza nearly pull off an unprecedented victory against Akil Burgess of Virginia Tech. Burgess won the first set 6-2.

Chiridza battled back taking the second set 7-5, and forcing a third and game deciding set. Chiridza raced off to a 5-2 advantage in the third. Burgess sensing an upset at hand regrouped and fought back to capture the third set 7-6.

Bateman was defeated by Ignaci Roca of Virginia Tech in straight 6-4, 6-3.

Morita and Breenberg of Rice rounded out the list of Panther opponents in doubles competition defeated Godoy and Herrera 8-4.

"The Crowne Plaza Invitational was definitely an eye opener for our team," said Panther tennis team member Andy

Narido.

"It gave us a good look at what the competition for 2005 ITA Regionals will be in October, hopefully we can build on that."

Prairie View stumbles against Southern

By Palmer Perez
Panther Staff

The Prairie View Panthers (1-1) entered their contest against the Southern Jaguars (1-1) on a high note after a convincing 39-12 victory over the Paul Quinn Tigers in their home opener on September 10. However, the Panthers' quest for their second consecutive season with a 2-0 start fell short due to a 38-0 loss at the hands of the Jaguars at A.W. Mumford Stadium on Saturday, September 17. Both schools started the game out with a defensive display by holding each other scoreless and forcing multiple punts.

However, after a botched punt attempt by the Panthers on their own 15-yard line, Southern kicker Breck Ackley capped off a four-play drive with a 29-yard field goal to give Southern a 3-0 lead going into halftime.

In the second half, the Jaguar offense came alive

and took advantage of several miscues by Prairie View and responded with a four-touchdown outburst in the third quarter.

Southern added one more score in the fourth quarter on a Joseph Lewis 20-yard touchdown pass to James Vernon at the 10:32 mark.

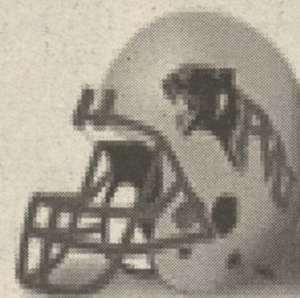
Offensively, the Panthers had trouble establishing any type of consistency as they netted 209 yards of total offense

(111 rush, 98 pass).

Senior quarterback Michael Hill led the team in passing with 75 yards on 11-of-19 pass attempts while sophomore quarterback Chris Gibson completed two of 12 passes for 23 yards.

Sophomore running back Arnell Fontenot led the team in rushing with 63 yards on 18 carries. Defensively, junior linebacker Van Sallier led the Panthers with seven tackles.

The Panthers have a by week and are in the midst of getting ready for the Cotton Bowl, October 1, when they faceoff against Grambling State.



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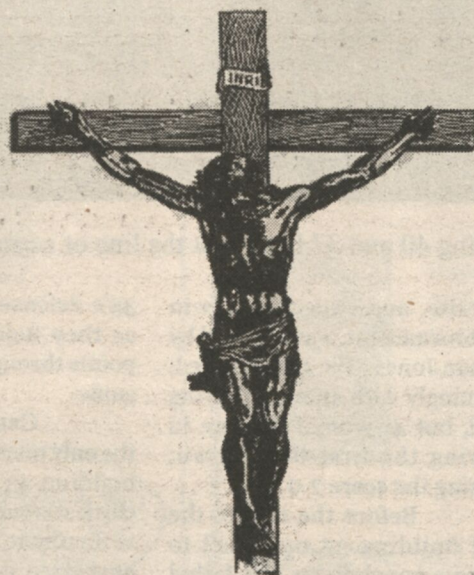
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FAMU cuts four sports

By Tessa Johnson
Black College Wire

Jason Still's dream for his upcoming senior year at Florida A&M University included driving the golf team to the top. But instead of soaring triumphantly like an eagle, he is exploding inside from the university's recent decision to drop golf from the athletic program.

Men's tennis, men's golf and the men's and women's swimming and diving teams have been eliminated by the university's board of trustees in an effort to balance the athletics budget. In the June 30 meeting, interim athletic director E. Newton Jackson Jr. also recommended reducing band travel, which will save more than \$400,000, and a \$1.7 million reduction in scholarship money for athletes.

"I'm lucky because the university will be giving us our full amount of scholarship money for one more year as long as we are still academically eligible," Still said. "However, my teammates who are not graduating this year will not get any of their scholarship money next year, unless the university is able to raise the money."

Still added that his scholarship money for a school year is approximately \$7,500.

The university is seeking donations to save the four sports:

The men's golf team needs \$135,000.

*The men's tennis team, \$110,000.

*The men's and women's swimming and diving teams together require \$240,000.

The elimination of the four sports, the reduction of the band travel and scholarship money and other cost-cutting strategies

will help the athletics department balance a proposed budget of about \$6.7 million for the 2005-06 school year, Jackson told trustees at the June 30 meeting.

The bigger picture is that students are being affected, said student Ramon Alexander, president of the Student Government Association and a trustee. "This is unacceptable for the board to have these issues fall back on the students. You have to get students' input if you are going to affect their pockets," he said.

The athletics department plans to offer the players from the four sports 60 percent of their scholarship money for one year. After next year, they will not receive the scholarships.

The athletics director "should have taken more time and thought this out before making this decision," said Charlana Brown, a tennis player from Los Angeles. "He hasn't seen any matches to know how good the men's tennis team is, because they are much better than the football team. I feel that they should try taking away money from each sport, rather than cutting four out of the picture."

Jason Still still expects to receive scholarship money.

Some university alumni called the decision a setback for African Americans who enjoy playing these sports.

"These sports are hard for blacks to break through and excel in," said Brandon Kiel, a former golf player at Florida A&M. "I don't understand why they decided to cut something that blacks are rarely seen doing."

Kiel added, "This is very unfortunate for the athletes, because the teams are good and this was an opportunity for them to get a better education."

Though the decision was harsh, the university must do what is best for the athletic department, said Trustee Alberto R. Cardenas.

If board members do not have sympathy for students after cutting these sports, they should be ashamed, Cardenas said. However, he added, "Pain lasts a lot less when you make tough decisions up front, rather than letting troubles linger on."

Castell Bryant, the university's interim president, agreed that eliminating these programs would be a big sacrifice for students, but said the school's main priority is balancing the budget.

"We are in this period of uncertainty for the next couple of months and we really need to set aside our dealings with the NCAA," Bryant said. "We are required by the law to present a balanced budget for the athletic department and that is what we will do."



Labor Day classic postponed

By Andrew Roberts
Panther News Service

The Annual Labor Day Classic football game between Prairie View A&M University and Texas Southern University has been rescheduled for Friday, Nov. 25 at 1 p.m. in Houston's Reliant Stadium. The game, originally scheduled for Sept. 3, was postponed due to relief efforts for hurricane Katrina victims.

The time and logistics of the event recently made public were announced by Prairie View athletic director Charles McClelland and Texas Southern athletic director Alois Blackwell.

"We are pleased to be able to reschedule the game on Nov. 25. Keeping the game at Reliant Stadium will allow us to honor tickets previously sold as well as suite reservations," said McClelland. "Hosting the game at that time will allow us to have a holiday weekend to enhance the ancillary events in conjunction with the football game."

Advanced ticket sales for the rescheduled date are \$20 and \$25. Tickets will be sold the day of the game at \$26. For more information contact the PV athletic department at 936-857-2127.

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Home games canceled

By Andrew Roberts
Panther News Service

In anticipation of Hurricane Rita, the Prairie View A&M University Athletic Department has decided to postpone several upcoming home athletic events. Men's and women's cross country, volleyball and soccer are affected by the forecast of severe weather.

"Due to the approach of Hurricane Rita we have decided to postpone all of our upcoming athletic events for this week," said PVAMU athletic director Charles McClelland. "Ensuring the safety of our student-athletes, fans, supporters and the participating schools is our main concern."

The Prairie View A&M University men's and women's cross country teams were slated to host the Hoover Wright Cross Country Classic on Thursday afternoon and the volleyball team was scheduled to host Southern University on Thursday evening.

On Sunday, soccer was scheduled to host Robert Morris College at 1 p.m.

All of these events have been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Confidence should be the fashion



By Alanna Jones
L/H & A/E Editor

Hair, make-up, shirts, pants, belts, socks, watches, bracelets, faded haircuts, natural locks, glasses, scarves, great skin, not so great skin, and so on, are some of the many things that make up what we call "fashion."

When you think about it: what really is fashion? Merriam Webster defines fashion as "the make or form of something, a distinctive and peculiar often habitual way of doing something," or the most common definition being, "a prevailing custom or usage of style as in dress."

This week, as in previous issues of the newspaper this year, a fashion column which appears next to 20 questions titled, "Fashion: Big is in!" When the story was assigned for writer Katriska Cotton, the intent was just to be a question and answer on the latest fashion trends given by two trendy students on PV's campus, Veronica Smith and Brandi Greer. Although the original story was a Q&A, as the story was turned around into paragraph format, what looked like a simple story began to mean something much deeper.

Garments can be defined as the second skin of one's being. People are not first looked at for what they truly are inside their clothing, but by what they are wearing. "Fashion: Big is in!" explains that fashion is all in what you make it out to be. While this may be true, how about if someone does not know how to make fashion his or hers? Where are they to learn these golden rules? What defines fashion in everyone as individuals?

This story portrayed true passion in what is men-

tioned about fashion of the exterior, but what about fashion of the interior? There are many male and female students walking around campus wearing the best of the best, but holding their heads down. Why is this? Don't those Chanel glasses, Gucci purses, Kangol hats, and Seven jeans make you feel like you are looking your best? Maybe so, but on the other hand there are students around campus wearing plain jeans, shirts, and shoes, who are happily going about their day. What can explain such phenomena?

Discussions about fashion, what is in, what is out, and what are this season's latest trends can be talked about all day. While the article does provide valuable information on how to look great, the bottom line is: what is underneath the garments that is going to shine out to the exterior? Trends can be worn, but confidence will never be worn out. The top fashion of every season is having the strength of confidence on the inside of your personal self to make any outfit that is worn look its best.

Did women kill chivalry?

By Chelsea Johnson
Panther Staff

An opened door, a pulled out chair, a polite "How are you doing," is defined as chivalry, and beyond popular belief it can be displayed by a man or woman.

Most women would say that in the 21st century chivalry is dead, but is it? Most Prairie View men don't think so, and most say if it is, women killed it. How can it be that those who wish to receive chivalry so much are the very ones who killed it?

One Prairie View man stated, "Chivalry and manners go hand in hand. The men aren't chivalrous because the women are rude." He went on to say, "When I do open a door for a lady she just walks through without acknowledging me."

Are the women of Prairie View respecting themselves enough to deserve gentlemen? If a woman accepts a man speaking to her without respect, maybe she is getting what she wants. Or, is being chivalrous a trait that should go against typical

and gallantry toward women. Therefore, chivalry is also how a young man can show he respects himself. Although it is an old custom, what are other reasons modern men are less chivalrous than men of the past?

A lot of the upbringing a man receives can determine how he treats a woman. If a young man sees male figures treating women without respect, then chances are that he will mimic the incorrect behavior. One Prairie View man says, "I learned to be a gentleman from church." The skill of being a gentleman is something that must be taught.

As a student body, both men and women must work to respect ourselves and one another. The tradition of chivalry goes with the pride of a HBCU. Furthermore, as young adults we are in charge of training ourselves so we are portrayed as the educated people we are.

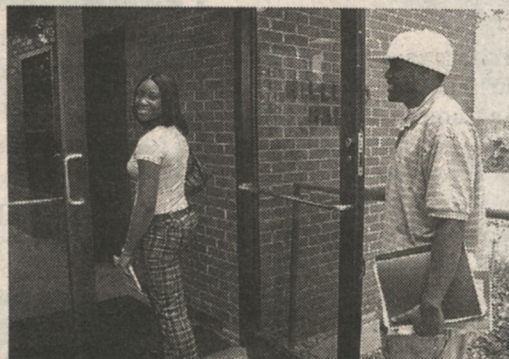


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Sophomore Jon Barnett opens the door to Hilliard Hall for freshman Jessica Roberts.

behavior?

Dictionary.com describes chivalry as: the qualities idealized by knighthood, such as bravery, courtesy, honor,

The medical corner Binge drinking



Prof. Dennis E. Daniels,
MPH, Dr. PH and
Theresa Okeyo-Owuor
Medical Correspondents

"I can hold my liquor" is a statement that far too many individuals make. The 1989 amendments to the federal Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Act required that colleges develop policies to prevent the illegal use of drugs and alcohol on campus. Shortly after passage of this statute, binge drinking became the subject of national attention.

The definition of binge drinking is the subject of discussion for individuals who define it. Some researchers define binge drinking as consuming five or more drinks in a row at one sitting for males and four or more in a row for females (©2002 Guimar Goransson-Martin).

Harvard University's School of Public Health college alcohol study surveyed students at 119 colleges. The survey noted that 44 percent of U.S. college students engaged in binge drinking during the two weeks before the survey. The survey also stated that 51 percent of the

men drank five or more drinks in a row and 40 percent of the women drank four or more drinks in a row. Students more likely to binge drink are white, age 23 or younger, and are residents of a fraternity or sorority. If the students were binge drinkers in high school, they were three times more likely to binge in college. Students cited peer pressure and the desire to get drunk as reasons for binge drinking.

The medical effects of too much alcohol may include a peptic ulcer, damage to the small intestines, gout, liver cancer and other problems. Consistently drinking too much alcohol may result in mental health problems such as anxiety, depression, confusion and addiction.

The annual consequences of alcohol abuse include 1,400 deaths among college students of which 1,100 involve drinking and driving, 400,000 students having unprotected sex and 2.1 million students driving under the influence of alcohol.

Binge drinking is a widespread phenomenon on many college campuses. It is a problem that not only conflicts with the mission and vision of higher education but it also carries with it serious risks of disease, injury, and death.

For more information contact the Owens-Franklin Health Center at (936) 857-2111 or the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention at (800) 676-1730.

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PV True Life...

I'm going back to school

By Jamyen Robinson
Panther Staff

For most, the beginning of the school year is normally falling into routine for Prairie View students; moving into the dormitory, dealing with financial aid, and learning to adjust to the structure of school after three and a half months of relaxation. As for Elisa Timms, returning to school after 15 years of being absent from the college life seems "unusual, but fun." It was in her junior year, in the

she first started college, she attended the Texas Lutheran University, located in Seguin, Texas. Now at the age of 37, Timms is a junior communications major at Prairie View A&M University, where she is pursuing her ultimate goal. "I want to be a sports information director," says Timms, "but my main goal is to be the Director of the Women's Division I Basketball Tournament for the NCAA."

When asked what kept her motivated to finish college, she simply stated, "I always



A true survivor: Elisa Timms does not let circumstances get in the way.

spring semester of 1991 when Timms realized that she had genetic disorder psoriatic arthritis. According to the Dr. Joseph F. Smith Medical Library, the condition is a form of arthritic joint disease associated with chronic skin scaling and fingernail changes. The cause of psoriatic arthritis is unknown, but people with the condition are more likely to have it if a relative has it. The effect was so severe for Timms that it resulted in her losing her ability to walk or take care of herself, and of course attending college.

Timms, 22 at the time had to learn how to do all the basic fundamentals that most people take for granted. When

wanted a degree, I never wanted to stop my education, I just couldn't continue with my condition."

Timms has a very optimistic outlook on her life and takes 100 percent Panther Pride in her school, even though she has experienced a turbulent life. "Things could be worse than it is now, and I'm thankful that I got another chance to finish my education."

Elisa Timms is a student who never stopped believing in her dreams, and continues to reach for them every day she steps foot on PV ground. "You should never give up on your dreams, and God never gives you more than you can handle."

Poverty among African Americans

By Erika L. Green
Panther Staff

In a country that is 12 percent black, nearly a quarter of all African Americans are poor and it appears that this issue has been prevalent for decades. "Poverty has always been in America, however, Hurricane Katrina has forced this country to open its eyes and face it," commented graduate assistant Elvira White.

Although many would claim they never knew poverty was this common among African Americans, senior Yanique Nelson stated, "I knew it exists because it is very obvious." However, what makes poverty among African Americans so obvious? Nelson stated, "I believe that poverty exists due to the lack of education and poor money management of African Americans." In concurring with Nelson, White offers another reason: "Poverty is present because our system is based on capitalism in which the largest percent of wealth i.e. education and job opportunities is not given to the least amount of people. Because of this, African

Americans will always be at the lower end and poverty will always be an issue." Jonathan Alter, a writer for *Newsweek*, suggests, "Poverty is caused by a tangle of financial and personal pain that often goes beyond insufficient resources and lack of training, wage stagnation, social isolation, and a more subtle form of class-based racism."

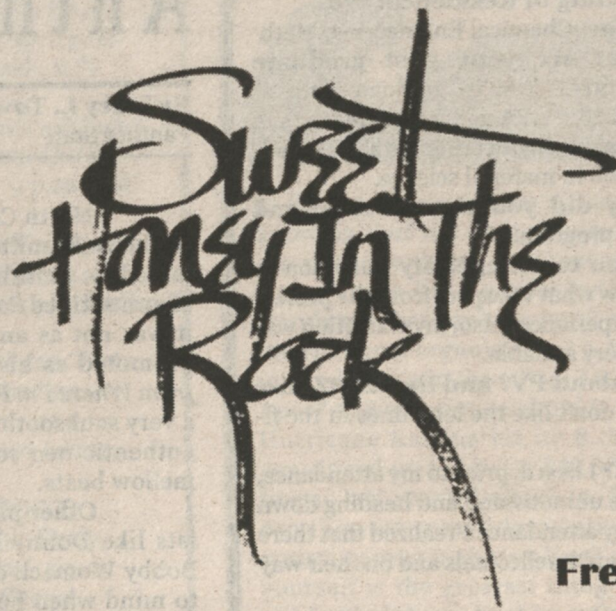
Contrary to belief, everyone is to blame for poverty. White suggests, "It is our responsibility to lift up those in poverty." Yet, Nelson argues, "Those in poverty should do their part and utilize the programs offered in their community." This suggestion seems to be in the back of many Americans' minds but questions rise as to the effectiveness of programs. Student Ester Coronado offers affirmation, "After my divorce, I was making minimum wage and although it took me seven years to get my situation together, the system's programs helped me." Nonetheless, the system is a very controversial issue when it pertains to assisting African Americans and their needs. Alter stated, "President Bush's main involvement with

poverty issues has been on education, where he sharply increased aid to poor schools as a part of his No Child Left Behind Initiative." Not to say that others in office aren't doing their part and community programs aren't effective, but more needs to be done.

Poverty among African Americans is nothing new. Poverty among Americans is nothing new. According to Adler, we live in a country where "9 percent of American whites are poor, 22 percent of Hispanics are poor and a nearly a quarter of African Americans are poor."

Sen. Barack Obama said, "I hope we realize that the people of New Orleans weren't just abandoned during the hurricane. They were abandoned long ago—to murder and mayhem in the streets, to substandard schools, to dilapidated housing, to inadequate health care, to a pervasive sense of hopelessness."

This is why poverty in America exists especially among African Americans. This shouldn't, however, be a major issue among our people, success should.



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PV's Freshest



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Name: Sharetta Corothers
Hometown: Austin, Texas.
Age: 18
Major/Minor: Political Science/
 No minor declared
What are your post graduate plans? I plan on attending law school after I graduate.
Why did you choose to attend PV? My older brother is an alumni whom I try to emulate.
How was your transition to college? It was pretty rocky to adjust in terms of the campus life but I soon

picked up the pace.

Did PV live up to your expectations? Yes it did. PV was all that I thought it was and some.

What organizations are you interested in? I already joined Blackstone Pre-Law Society and will join other organizations that focus on my interest in politics.

Who is your favorite music artist? I love all types of music.

What motto do you live by? "Life is not always fair but if you work hard to reach your goals and focus on your future you make it fair for yourself."

By: LaCheryl Whitlow

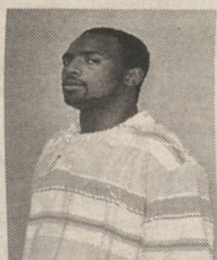


Photo by Brandon Garrett

Name: Brandon Gordon
Age: 18
Hometown: Beaumont, Texas
Building of Residence: #36
Major: Chemical Engineering/Math
What are your post graduate plans? I plan to graduate with at least a 3.7 GPA and get my masters in chemical engineering with a specialization in material science.

Why did you choose to attend PV? Excellent engineering program.

How was your transition to college? My transition to college was very easy. I knew what to expect from the professors from my high school experience. Also, my transition was made easier because I am very sociable.

What do you like most about PV? and the least? I like the atmosphere here, but I don't like the long lines in the financial aid department.

Is PV what you expected? I heard, prior to my attendance, that a lot of people would be unmotivated and heading down the wrong path, but upon my attendance I realized that there are a lot of people here who are intellectuals and on their way to success.

What are your hobbies? Playing video games, sleeping, getting to know people, and thinking analytically.

What organizations are you interested in? STEM (of which I am currently a member), PALS, AICHE, and NSBE.

What is your favorite type of music and CD/ album? Rap or Hip Hop/ Reasonable Doubt by Jay-Z.

What are words that you live by? "Those who would trade in their freedom for protection deserve neither; not for a name, not for a tradition or religion, you need to learn Jesus," and, "Don't argue with fools because people from a distance can't tell who's who."

By: Lillian Barry

The Review

Keyshia Cole: The Way It Is

By Latrice Jordan
 Panther Staff

It's not often that an artist comes along that can actually sing and also has great songwriting skills; Keyshia Cole is that artist.

Today Cole, 23, is the most exciting R & B singer since Alicia Keys and her voice can be compared to an early Mary J. Blige. Keyshia's music has a tear and pain that touches a nerve in your body; it's almost as if you can feel her pain.

Originally from Oakland, Cole faced a lot of tribulation as a young girl from having a drug-addicted mother to living with abusive foster parents and having a cheating, no good boyfriend.

Life for her just wasn't

easy. She uses her past experiences to inspire her songwriting. There are undeniable aspects about her that set her apart from other

generally likes a bit rougher and less naïve music.

On her debut album, *The Way It Is*, she co-wrote a number of songs and worked alongside a number of hit-makers like the hottest talent in hip-hop right now, Kanye West, who collaborated with her on *I Changed My Mind* the album's lead single and with Krucial Keys, which is Alicia Keys' production team. Other big-name collaborators included 112 group member DaRon, Murder Inc., rapper Chink Santana, and veteran producer E-Poppi. Plus, she



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artists like Ashanti, Brandy, Beyoncé and Ciara. Her unbelievable voice and heartfelt songs make her more relatable to an audience that

collaborated with Eve, for a song on the Barbershop 2 soundtrack, *Never*, and Jadakiss on a song entitled *Guess What?*

Anthony Hamilton: Soulife

By Ivory L. Townsel
 Panther Staff

North Carolina native Anthony Hamilton recently released an amazing sophomore album entitled *Soulife*. Although it was not as anticipated or as promoted as his debut *Comin' from Where I'm From*, it was still a very soul soothing 12 tracks of authentic neo soul vocals over mellow beats.

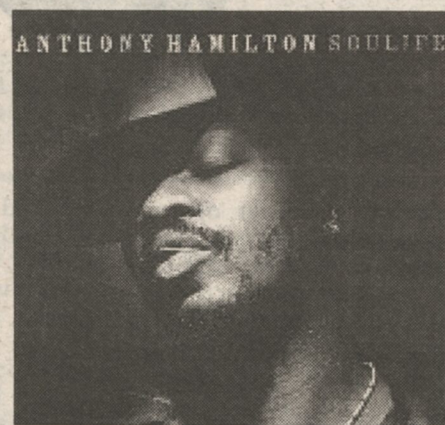
Other pioneer soul artists like Donny Hathaway and Bobby Womack definitely come to mind when bumping this album.

Keynote songs include *My Baby* and *Last Night*, which features an old tune from the Delfonics' song *Have You Seen*

Her? Collaborations include Macy Gray and Sunshine Anderson.

Before becoming the prototype of a modern day soul vocalist, Hamilton actually endured two record deals gone bad, and he spent a lot of time writing songs and singing background vocals for other artists including D'Angelo and the Nappy Roots.

The vocals he rendered to the song *Po' Folks* was what really got the attention of music listeners. The song, along with his debut album *Comin' From Where I'm From*



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was nominated for several Grammys.

Need a break from the norm? Pop in Hamilton's *Soulife* and let it touch your soul.

Want your question featured in "20 Questions" next week?

E-mail your question to:
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Fashion: Big is in!

By Alanna Jones and
Katriska Cotton
Panther Staff

To some, fashion is not an enjoyable aspect of life to take part in. The hassle of matching the right pants with the right shirt, making sure your shoes are in style for the season, choosing the most precious accessories, placing each hair on your head in the right place, and finally making sure you have on the right make-up and lip gloss does not come easy to a lot of people.

First, one must understand what fashion is. Veronica Smith, a senior communications major, said that "fashion is what you make it." With fashion trends forever changing from season to season, Smith explains that, "although certain items may be deemed 'in style,' you must make them fit your own unique attitude. Fashion is adjusting trends to fit your style and attitude."

For some, fashion may be a challenge because the media shows what is supposed to be fashionable and what is not. Smith gives

confidence to those who like to go against the grain of what is labeled as 'popular.' "One item may look hideous to one person, but look stunning to another... I feel your sense of fashion is a direct reflection of your personality."

So what are the fashion trends of today? Brandi Greer, a senior communications major, says "BIGG IS BACK!" Greer who has experience in modeling for such designers as Vanessa Riley London, The Club Flava, Six Figgaz, Mellow Drama Boutique in Houston, and labeled as the May model of the month on I-10Media.com, explains what fashions are trendy for this season: "Headwear- Kangol hats, the beanie look, or a nice solid, polka-dot, or striped scarf. Hair- big curls, Afro, wavy, and extensions. Also, the two-toned color-crown of the head. Eyewear- Big square sunglasses. Handbags- 'Big!' The straw look, slouch bags, and shoulder or handbags. Belts- The braided style with sequence are the most popular. The most common colors are silver, black, and brown.

When wearing the belt don't put it through the loops. Just throw it on. Shoes- Flats and wedges are back!"

Fashion can become very complex when trying to keep up with all the trends and styles. Instead of being worried about the current style, both Greer and Smith say that "Fashion is not just today's hottest trend for the season, but it's when you step out of the norm and are not afraid to make a bold statement."



Photo by Alanna Jones

In style: Veronica Smith (left), Brandi Greer show off the latest fashions.



Panther Poetry Lounge

Untitled By Phil Ginsburg

Transcending through the atmosphere
displeasing sequence yesteryear
The wisdom of the wise diffused
the allowance of this time misused
The colors in these minds contrast
reaching electric summits past

Withholding precious energies
seething enigmatic formalities
The greater triumphs of men contained
The numerous victories of progress sustained

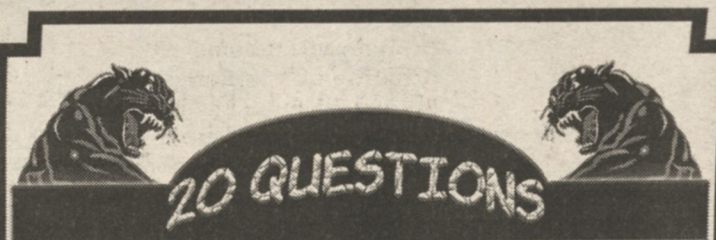
The elements remain unclear
traversing forward free of fear
Seeds of grass that yearn to grow
transgress backward
thought process slows

These limbs of life were once so young
belonged to heroes yet unsung
Crying louder yet still unheard
always sensing the unspoken word

Stealthily we creep along
The lyrics come but not the song
We touch we feel we hear we speak
yet the time instills the dreams we seek

Events for September 22-28, 2005

<p>Thursday, 9/22</p> <p>Career Fair Non-technical Day 9 a.m.-3 p.m. MSC</p> <p>NAACP 6 p.m.- 9 p.m. Banks</p> <p>Tau Beta Sigma 6:45 p.m.-9 p.m. Band Hall</p> <p>Alpha Lambda Omega 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Chapel</p> <p>Zeta Phi Beta Karaoke Night 7:20 p.m.- 10 p.m. Clubhouse III</p>	<p>Saturday, 9/24</p> <p>Navy 5:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. Competition Football Field/ New Gym</p> <p>Hip Hop Dance Workshop 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. MSC</p> <p>Alpha Phi Alpha Awards Recognition 5 p.m.- 11 p.m. MSC</p>	<p>Monday, 9/26</p> <p>Delta Sigma Theta Meeting 7 p.m.- 11 p.m. MSC</p> <p>Phi Beta Sigma Seminar 7 p.m.- 9 p.m. Chapel</p> <p>Multicultural Affairs Latino Movie Night 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. MSC</p> <p>CAB Meeting 5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. NSCI</p>	<p>Wednesday, 9/28</p> <p>NAACP Membership Drive 12 noon- 2:30 p.m. MSC</p> <p>CAB Hump Day 12 noon- 2 p.m. Outside MSC</p> <p>University Village Talent Show 5 p.m.- 9 p.m. MSC</p> <p>Alpha Phi Alpha Meeting 6 p.m.- 10 p.m. Banks</p> <p>Delta Sigma Theta Meeting 7 p.m.- 11 p.m. Student Lounge</p> <p>FOCCS Bible Study 7 p.m.- 9 p.m. Chapel</p>
<p>Friday, 9/23</p> <p>Career Fair Next Day Interviews 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Evans Hall</p> <p>Hip Hop Dance Workshop 3 p.m.- 8 p.m. MSC</p>	<p>Sunday, 9/25</p> <p>There are no campus activities posted for this day.</p>	<p>Tuesday, 9/27</p> <p>Alpha Kappa Alpha Time Is Money 6 p.m.-9 p.m. New Science</p> <p>Zeta Phi Beta 7 p.m.- 10 p.m. MSC</p> <p>Multicultural Affairs Latino Dancers 3 p.m.- 10 p.m. MSC</p> <p>Teacher Certification Mentor Training 5 p.m.- 9 p.m. NSCI</p>	



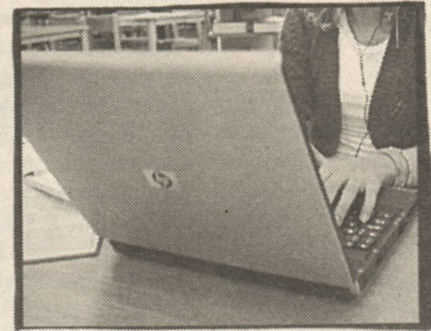
1. How many people are going to an interest meeting knowing that the organization they want to be in is not interested in them? 2. Who would have thought the Black Foxes could have a cute outfit? 3. What sorority sets standards that can't be met? 4. Has SGA turned into an international organization? 5. Who got drunk and decided to climb a tree in the village? 6. Should he leave that to the Apes? 7. Since financial aid is in a mess, does that mean Hurricane Katrina hit it? 8. MIPs are coming up, have you signed up to pledge PALS? 9. Are they being as selective as last year's Deltas? 10. Since the Deltas are Divas, can they get some "devastating" new braids? 11. Who is stressing over making a line? 12. Don't they realize being yourself is the greatest thing you can pledge? 13. Is the old football team back? 14. Can you please read the rest of the paper beside 20 Questions? 15. Or are you waiting to go to the restroom? 16. Who is sponsoring a bus for the Cotton Bowl? 17. Can we win that game please? 18. Were the class king elections the only way for the "down-low" brothas to feel important on the yard? 19. Will they come out of the closet now? 20. What do you think?

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